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Main Street Capital Corporation

**1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800
Houston, Texas 77056**

April 11, 2013

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Main Street Capital Corporation, which will be held on June 13, 2013, at 1330 Post Oak Boulevard, Second Floor Central Plains Room, Houston, Texas, commencing at 9:00 AM, local time. The notice of annual meeting and proxy statement following this letter describe the matters to be acted on at the meeting.

If your shares are held in book-entry form on the records of American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, our transfer agent and registrar, we have enclosed a proxy card for your use. You may vote these shares by completing and returning the proxy card or, alternatively, calling a toll-free telephone number or using the Internet as described on the proxy card. If a broker or other nominee holds your shares in "street name," your broker has enclosed a voting instruction form, which you should use to vote those shares. The voting instruction form indicates whether you have the option to vote those shares by telephone or by using the Internet.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

VINCENT D. FOSTER
*Chairman of the Board
President and Chief Executive Officer*

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please take a few minutes now to vote your shares.

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held on June 13, 2013.

Our proxy statement and annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 are available on the Internet at <http://mainstreetcapital.com> under the "Proxy and Annual Reports" section of our website.

The following information applicable to the Annual Meeting may be found in the proxy statement and accompanying proxy card:

The date, time and location of the meeting;

A list of the matters intended to be acted on and our recommendations regarding those matters;

Any control/identification numbers that you need to access your proxy card; and

Information about attending the meeting and voting in person.

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Main Street Capital Corporation

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NOTICE OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Main Street Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation, will be held at 1330 Post Oak Boulevard, Second Floor Central Plains Room, Houston, Texas, on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 9:00 AM local time, in order to:

- (1) elect our directors for a term of one year;
- (2) ratify our appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2013; and
- (3) transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

If you were a stockholder as of the close of business on April 1, 2013, you are entitled to vote at the meeting and at any adjournment thereof.

Please indicate your vote as to the matters to be acted on at the meeting by following the instructions provided in the enclosed proxy card or voting instruction form, whether or not you plan on attending the meeting. If you plan to attend the meeting and wish to vote or change your vote there, please review the instructions set forth in the accompanying proxy statement under the caption "Voting Information."

We have enclosed a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, with this notice and proxy statement.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JASON B. BEAUVAIS
Corporate Secretary

Dated: April 11, 2013

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Main Street Capital Corporation

1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800
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**PROXY STATEMENT
2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

GENERAL INFORMATION

This proxy statement and accompanying proxy card is being mailed to the stockholders of Main Street Capital Corporation ("Main Street," the "Company," "we," "us," or "our") beginning on April 11, 2013. Our Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote your shares at our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on June 13, 2013 at 1330 Post Oak Boulevard, Second Floor Central Plains Room, Houston, Texas, at 9:00 AM local time. The Company will bear all expenses incurred in connection with this proxy solicitation, which we expect to conduct primarily by mail. In addition, our officers and regular employees may solicit your proxy by telephone, by facsimile transmission or in person, for which they will not be separately compensated. If your shares are held through a broker or other nominee (*i.e.*, in "street name"), we have requested that your broker or nominee forward this proxy statement to you and obtain your voting instructions, for which the Company will reimburse them for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

VOTING INFORMATION

Record Date and Who May Vote

Our Board of Directors selected April 1, 2013 as the record date (the "Record Date") for determining stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. This means that if you were a registered stockholder with our transfer agent and registrar, American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, on the Record Date, you may vote your shares on the matters to be considered by our stockholders at the Annual Meeting. If your shares were held in street name on that date, the broker or other nominee that was the record holder of your shares has the authority to vote them at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions. They have forwarded to you this proxy statement seeking your instructions on how you want your shares voted.

On the Record Date, 34,773,469 shares of our common stock were outstanding. Each outstanding share of common stock entitles its holder to one vote on each matter to be acted on at the Annual Meeting.

How to Vote

For shares held of record, you can vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting or vote now by giving us your proxy. You may give us your proxy by completing the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the enclosed U.S. postage-prepaid envelope, or by calling a toll-free telephone number or using the Internet as further described on the enclosed proxy card. In either case, telephone and Internet voting procedures have been designed to verify your identity through a personal identification or control number and to confirm that your voting instructions have been properly recorded. If you vote using either of these electronic means, you will save us return mail expense.

By giving us your proxy, you will be directing us on how to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting. Even if you plan on attending the Annual Meeting, we urge you to vote now by giving us

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your proxy. This will ensure that your vote is represented at the Annual Meeting. If you do attend the Annual Meeting, you can change your vote at that time, if you then desire to do so.

If your shares are held in street name, the broker or nominee that holds your shares has the authority to vote them, absent your approval, only as to routine matters, which, in the case of the Annual Meeting, only applies to the proposal to ratify our appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm. For all other matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, the broker or nominee that holds your shares will need to obtain your authorization to vote those shares and has enclosed a voting instruction form with this proxy statement. In either case, they will vote your shares as you direct on their voting instruction form. You can vote by completing the enclosed voting instruction form and returning it in the enclosed U.S. postage-prepaid envelope. If you want to vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker or nominee. You should refer to the instructions provided in the enclosed voting instruction form for further information. Additionally, the availability of telephone or Internet voting depends on the voting process used by the broker or nominee that holds your shares.

You may receive more than one proxy statement and proxy card or voting instruction form if your shares are held through more than one account (e.g., through different brokers or nominees). Each proxy card or voting instruction form only covers those shares of common stock held in the applicable account. If you hold shares in more than one account, you will have to provide voting instructions as to all your accounts to vote all your shares.

How to Revoke or Change Your Vote

For shares held of record, you may revoke a proxy or change your vote at any time before it is exercised by written notice to our Corporate Secretary, granting a new proxy or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Unless you attend the Annual Meeting and vote your shares in person, you should change your vote using the same method (by telephone, Internet or mail) that you first used to vote your shares. That way, the inspectors of election for the meeting will be able to verify your latest vote.

For shares held in street name, you should follow the instructions in the voting instruction form provided by your broker or nominee to change your vote. If you want to change your vote as to shares held in street name by voting in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from the broker or nominee that holds those shares for you.

Quorum

The Annual Meeting will be held only if a quorum exists. The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock as of the Record Date will constitute a quorum. If you attend the meeting or vote your shares using the enclosed proxy card or voting instruction form (including any telephone or Internet voting procedures provided), your shares will be counted toward a quorum, even if you abstain from voting on a particular matter.

Proposals to Be Voted on; Vote Required; and How Votes Are Counted

We are asking you to vote on the following:

the election of all of the members of our Board of Directors; and

the ratification of our appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2013.

Election of Directors. Directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, with respect to each director in an uncontested election, such that a nominee for

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director will be elected to the Board of Directors if the votes cast FOR the nominee's election exceed the votes cast AGAINST such nominee's election. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes cast for purposes of the election of directors and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of such election. Even if a nominee is not re-elected, he will remain in office as a director until his earlier resignation or removal. Each of the current director nominees has signed a letter of resignation that will be effective if the nominee is not re-elected at the Annual Meeting and the Board of Directors accepts his resignation following the meeting. If a nominee is not re-elected, the Board of Directors will decide whether to accept the director's resignation in accordance with the procedures listed in our Corporate Governance and Stock Ownership Guidelines, which are available at <http://mainstcapital.com> under "Governance" in the "Investor Relations" section of our website.

Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, is required to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions will not be included in determining the number of votes cast and, as a result, will not have any effect on the result of the vote.

We are not aware of any other matters that may be presented or acted on at the Annual Meeting. If you vote by signing and returning the enclosed proxy card or using the telephone or Internet voting procedures, the individuals named as proxies on the card may vote your shares, in their discretion, on any other matter requiring a stockholder vote that comes before the Annual Meeting.

Confidential Voting

All voted proxies and ballots will be handled to protect your voting privacy as a stockholder. Your vote will not be disclosed except:

to meet any legal requirements;

to permit independent inspectors of election to tabulate and certify your vote; or

to adequately respond to your written comments on your proxy card.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

(ITEM 1)

Pursuant to our articles of incorporation, each member of our Board of Directors serves a one-year term, until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his respective successor is duly qualified and elected. Currently, our Board of Directors has six members, of whom four are not "interested persons" of Main Street, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). The NYSE Listed Company Manual requires that we maintain a majority of independent directors on the Board of Directors and provides that a director of a business development company, like us, shall be considered to be independent if he or she is not an "interested person" of the business development company, as defined in the 1940 Act.

The term of office of all directors will expire at this year's Annual Meeting. On the nomination of our Board of Directors, Messrs. Michael Appling Jr., Joseph E. Canon, Arthur L. French, J. Kevin Griffin, Vincent D. Foster and Todd A. Reppert will stand for reelection as directors at the Annual Meeting for a term of one year.

Unless otherwise directed, the persons named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card intend to vote "FOR" the election of the nominees. If any nominee should become unavailable for election, the shares will be voted for such substitute nominee as may be proposed by our Board of Directors. However, we are not aware of any circumstances that would prevent any of the nominees from serving.

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Set forth below is certain information (as of April 1, 2013) with respect to the nominees for election as directors. In addition to the information presented below regarding each nominee's specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led our Board of Directors to the conclusion that he should serve as a director, we also believe that all of our director nominees have a reputation for integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards. They each have demonstrated business acumen and an ability to exercise sound judgment, as well as a commitment of service to Main Street and our Board of Directors. Certain of our directors who are also our officers may serve as directors of, or on the boards of, certain of our portfolio companies. The business address of each nominee listed below is 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77056.

Nominees

| Name and Principal Occupation | Age | Director Since |
|--|------------|-----------------------|
| Independent Directors | | |
| Michael Appling, Jr. | 46 | 2007 |
| Mr. Appling is the President and Chief Executive Officer of TNT Crane & Rigging Inc., a privately held full service crane and rigging operator. From July 2002 through August 2007, he was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of XServ, Inc., a large private equity funded, international industrial services and rental company. Mr. Appling also held the position of CEO and President for United Scaffolding, Inc., an XServ, Inc. operating subsidiary. In February 2007, XServ, Inc. was sold to The Brock Group, a private industrial services company headquartered in Texas. From March 2000 to June 2002, Mr. Appling served as the Chief Financial Officer of CheMatch.com, an online commodities trading forum. ChemConnect, Inc., a venture backed independent trading exchange, acquired CheMatch.com in January 2002. From June 1999 to March 2000, Mr. Appling was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of American Eco Corporation, a publicly traded, international fabrication, construction and maintenance provider to the energy, pulp and paper and power industries. Mr. Appling worked for ITEQ, Inc., a publicly traded, international fabrication and services company, from September 1997 to May 1999, first as a Director of Corporate Development and then as Vice President, Finance and Accounting. From July 1991 to September 1997, Mr. Appling worked at Arthur Andersen, where he practiced as a certified public accountant. We believe Mr. Appling is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors because of his extensive finance and accounting experience, as well as his executive leadership and management experience as a chief executive officer. | | |

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| Name and Principal Occupation | Age | Director Since |
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| <p>Joseph E. Canon Since 1982, Mr. Canon has been the Executive Vice President and Executive Director, and a member of the Board of Directors, of Dodge Jones Foundation, a private charitable foundation located in Abilene, Texas. He has also been involved during this time as an executive officer and director of several private companies and partnerships with emphasis on energy, financial and other alternative investments. Prior to 1982, Mr. Canon was an Executive Vice President of the First National Bank of Abilene. From 1974 to 1976, he was the Vice President and Trust Officer with the First National Bank of Abilene. Mr. Canon currently serves on the Board of Directors of First Financial Bankshares, Inc. (NASDAQ-GM: FFIN), a \$3 billion bank and financial holding company headquartered in Abilene, Texas. Mr. Canon also serves on the Board of Directors for several bank and trust/asset management subsidiaries of First Financial Bankshares, Inc. He has also served as an executive officer and member of the Board of Directors of various other organizations including the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Conference of Southwest Foundations, City of Abilene Tax Increment District, West Central Texas Municipal Water District and the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation. We believe Mr. Canon's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his many years of managing and investing assets on behalf of public and private entities, his considerable experience in trust banking activities and practices, and his experience on other public boards of directors.</p> | 70 | 2007 |

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| Name and Principal Occupation | Age | Director Since |
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| <p>Arthur L. French</p> <p>Mr. French has served in a variety of executive management and board of director roles over the course of his business career. He began his private investment activities in 2000 and served as a director of Fab Tech Industries, a steel fabricator, from November 2000 until August 2009, as a director of Houston Plating and Coatings Company, an industrial coatings company, from 2002 until 2007, as a director of Rawson LP, an industrial distribution and maintenance services company, from May 2003 until June 2009, and as non-executive chairman of Rawson Holdings, LLC from March 2009 until December 2010. From September 2003 through March 2007, Mr. French was a member of the Advisory Board of Main Street Capital Partners, LLC and a limited partner of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP (both of which are now subsidiaries of Main Street). Mr. French currently serves as an advisor to LKCM Capital Group ("LKCM Capital"), an investment company headquartered in Ft. Worth, Texas. Since January 2011, he has also served as chairman of LKCM Distribution Holdings, LP, a LKCM Capital portfolio company that provides strategy overview and direction for several industrial distribution organizations engaged in maintenance and technical services, engineered products distribution and light manufacturing. In addition, since April 2010, Mr. French has served as a director of Industrial Distribution Group, another LKCM Capital portfolio company that provides industrial components and store room management services for manufacturing companies. From 1996-1999, Mr. French was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Metals USA Inc. (NYSE), where he managed the process of founders acquisition, assembled the management team and took the company through a successful IPO in July 1997. From 1989-1996, he served as Executive Vice President and Director of Keystone International, Inc. (NYSE), a manufacturer of flow controls equipment. After serving as a helicopter pilot in the United States Army, Captain Corps of Engineers from 1963-1966, Mr. French began his career as a Sales Engineer for Fisher Controls International, Inc., in 1966. During his tenure with Fisher Controls, from 1966-1989, Mr. French held various titles, and ended his career at Fisher Controls as President, Chief Operating Officer and Director. We believe Mr. French is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors because of his executive management and leadership roles within numerous public and private companies and his experience in investing in private companies.</p> | <p>72</p> | <p>2007</p> |

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| Name and Principal Occupation | Age | Director Since |
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| <p>J. Kevin Griffin Mr. Griffin is the Senior Vice President of Financial Planning & Analysis at Novant Health, a not-for-profit integrated system of 13 hospitals and a medical group consisting of 1,124 physicians in 355 clinic locations, as well as numerous outpatient surgery centers, medical plazas, rehabilitation programs, diagnostic imaging centers, and community health outreach programs. Mr. Griffin's responsibilities at Novant primarily include debt capital market and M&A transactions, along with various other strategic analysis projects. From 2007 to October 2012, Mr. Griffin was a Managing Director of Fennebresque & Co., LLC, a boutique investment banking firm located in Charlotte, North Carolina. From 2003 through 2007, he was a Partner at McColl Partners, LLC, where he originated and executed middle market M&A transactions. Prior to McColl Partners, Mr. Griffin worked in the M&A and corporate finance divisions of Lazard Ltd, JPMorgan, and Bank of America in New York, Chicago, and Charlotte. Mr. Griffin's investment banking experience consists primarily of executing and originating mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance transactions. Mr. Griffin received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master of business administration degree, with honors, from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. We believe Mr. Griffin is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors because of his extensive finance and valuation experience, his knowledge of the healthcare industry, and his extensive background in working with middle market companies in an M&A and advisory capacity.</p> | 41 | 2011 |

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| Name and Principal Occupation | Age | Director Since |
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Interested Directors

Messrs. Foster and Reppert are interested persons, as defined in the 1940 Act, due to their positions as officers of Main Street.

Vincent D. Foster

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| | 56 | 2007 |
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Mr. Foster has served as the Chairman of our Board of Directors and as our Chief Executive Officer since 2007 and as our President since October 2012. He has also been a member of our investment committee since its formation in 2007 and a member of our credit committee since its formation in 2011. Mr. Foster also currently serves as a founding director of Quanta Services, Inc. (NYSE: PWR), which provides specialty contracting services to the power, natural gas and telecommunications industries, and a director of Team, Inc. (NYSE: TISI), which provides specialty contracting services to the petrochemical, refining, electric power and other heavy industries. He also served as a director of U.S. Concrete, Inc. (NASDAQ-CM: USCR) from 1999 until 2010, Carriage Services, Inc. (NYSE: CSV) from 1999 to 2011 and HMS Income Fund, Inc., a non-publicly traded business development company of which Main Street acts as the investment sub-adviser, from 2012 until February 2013. In addition, Mr. Foster served as a founding director of the Texas TriCities Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors from 2004 to 2011. Following his graduation from Michigan State University, Mr. Foster, a C.P.A., had a 19 year career with Arthur Andersen, where he was a partner from 1988-1997. Mr. Foster was the director of Andersen's Corporate Finance and Mergers and Acquisitions practice for the Southwest United States and specialized in working with companies involved in consolidating their respective industries. From 1997, Mr. Foster co-founded and has acted as co-managing partner or chief executive of several Main Street predecessor funds and entities, which are now subsidiaries of ours, including Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and its general partner, Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC, Main Street Capital II, LP and its general partner, Main Street Capital II GP, LLC, and Main Street Capital Partners, LLC. Mr. Foster received his J.D. from Wayne State University Law School and also attended the University of Houston Law Center. Mr. Foster received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2008 Award in the financial services category in the Houston & Gulf Coast Area. The program honors entrepreneurs who have demonstrated exceptional innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. We believe Mr. Foster is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors because of his intimate knowledge of our operations through his day-to-day leadership as President and Chief Executive Officer of Main Street, along with his comprehensive experience on other public Boards of Directors and his extensive experience in tax, accounting, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and finance.

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| Name and Principal Occupation | Age | Director Since |
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| Todd A. Reppert | 43 | 2007 |

Mr. Reppert has served as our Executive Vice Chairman since October 2012. He has also been a member of our investment committee since its formation in 2007 and a member of our credit committee since its formation in 2011. Mr. Reppert also served as our President from 2007 until 2012 and as our Chief Financial Officer from 2007 until 2011. Mr. Reppert is also a director and member of the audit committee and nominating and governance committee of Consolidated Graphics, Inc. (NYSE: CGX), which is one of North America's leading commercial general printing companies. From 2000, Mr. Reppert co-founded and has acted as co-managing partner or in other executive roles of several Main Street predecessor funds and entities, which are now subsidiaries of ours, including Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and its general partner, Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC, Main Street Capital II, LP and its general partner, Main Street Capital II GP, LLC, and Main Street Capital Partners, LLC. Prior to that, he was a principal of Sterling City Capital, LLC, a private investment group focused on small to middle market companies. Prior to joining Sterling City Capital in 1997, Mr. Reppert was with Arthur Andersen since 1991. At Arthur Andersen, he assisted in several industry consolidation initiatives, as well as numerous corporate finance and merger/acquisition initiatives. We believe Mr. Reppert's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his extensive finance and accounting experience, his management and operational experience as the former President and Chief Financial Officer and current Executive Vice Chairman of Main Street, and his considerable experience in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and investing in lower middle-market companies.

Directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, in an uncontested election, such that a nominee for director will be elected to the Board of Directors if the votes cast FOR the nominee's election exceed the votes cast AGAINST such nominee's election. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes cast for purposes of the election of directors and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of such election. Even if a nominee is not re-elected, he will remain in office as a director until his earlier resignation or removal. Each of the current director nominees has signed a letter of resignation that will be effective if the nominee is not re-elected at the Annual Meeting and the Board of Directors accepts his resignation following the meeting. If a nominee is not re-elected, the Board of Directors will decide whether to accept the director's resignation in accordance with the procedures listed in our Corporate Governance and Stock Ownership Guidelines, which are available at <http://mainstcapital.com> under "Governance" in the "Investor Relations" section of our website.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS YOU VOTE "FOR" THE NOMINEES NAMED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

We maintain a corporate governance section on our website which contains copies of the charters for the committees of our Board of Directors. The corporate governance section may be found at <http://mainstreetcapital.com> under "Governance" in the "Investor Relations" section of our website. The corporate governance section contains the following documents, which are available in print to any stockholder who requests a copy in writing to Main Street Capital Corporation, Corporate Secretary's Office, 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77056:

Audit Committee Charter
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter
Compensation Committee Charter

In addition, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our Corporate Governance and Stock Ownership Guidelines may be found at <http://mainstreetcapital.com> under "Governance" in the "Investor Relations" section of our website and are available in print to any stockholder who requests a copy in writing.

Director Independence

Our Board of Directors currently consists of six members, four of whom are classified under applicable listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange as "independent" directors and under Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act as not "interested persons." Based on these independence standards, our Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that the following directors are independent:

Michael Appling Jr.
Joseph E. Canon
Arthur L. French
J. Kevin Griffin

Our Board of Directors considered the following transactions in evaluating our directors' independence under the applicable listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. Messrs. Canon and French were limited partners in Main Street Capital II, LP, a Small Business Investment Company, or SBIC, fund licensed by the United States Small Business Administration, in which we acquired a majority limited partnership interest in January 2010. In February 2012, after obtaining exemptive relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, the Company acquired the limited partnership interest of each of Mr. French and Mr. Canon in Main Street Capital II, LP, along with the limited partnership interest of other affiliates of the Company, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such relief. Our Board of Directors determined that the prior transactions described above would not impact the ability of either Mr. Canon or Mr. French to exercise independent judgment and do not impair the independence of either of them.

Communications with the Board

Stockholders or other interested persons may send written communications to the members of our Board of Directors, addressed to Board of Directors, c/o Main Street Capital Corporation, Corporate Secretary's Office, 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77056. All communications received in this manner will be delivered to one or more members of our Board of Directors.

Board Leadership Structure

Mr. Foster currently serves as both our President and Chief Executive Officer and as the Chairman of our Board of Directors. As our President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Foster is an "interested person" under Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. The Board believes that the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer is currently best situated to serve as Chairman given his history with the

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Company, his deep knowledge of the Company's business and his extensive experience in managing private debt and equity investments in lower middle market companies. The Company's independent directors bring experience, oversight and expertise from outside the Company and industry, while the President and Chief Executive Officer brings company-specific and industry-specific experience and expertise. The Board believes that the combined role of Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer promotes strategy development and execution, and facilitates information flow between management and the Board, which are essential to effective governance.

One of the key responsibilities of the Board is to oversee the development of strategic direction and hold management accountable for the execution of strategy once it is developed. The Board believes the combined role of Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, together with a Lead Independent Director as described below, is in the best interest of our stockholders because it provides the appropriate balance between strategy development and independent oversight of management.

Our Board of Directors designated Arthur L. French as Lead Independent Director to preside at all executive sessions of non-management directors. In the Lead Independent Director's absence, the remaining non-management directors may appoint a presiding director by majority vote. The non-management directors meet in executive session without management on a regular basis. The Lead Independent Director also has the responsibility of consulting with management on Board and committee meeting agendas, acting as a liaison between management and the non-management directors, including maintaining frequent contact with the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and facilitating collaboration and communication between the non-management directors and management. Stockholders or other interested persons may send written communications to Arthur L. French, addressed to Lead Independent Director, c/o Main Street Capital Corporation, Corporate Secretary's Office, 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77056.

Board of Directors and its Committees

Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors met six times and acted by unanimous written consent five times during 2012. All directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the committees on which they served during 2012, and four directors attended the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders in person. Our Board of Directors expects each director to make a diligent effort to attend all Board and committee meetings, as well as each Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Committees. Our Board of Directors currently has, and appoints the members of, standing Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees. Each of those committees is comprised entirely of independent directors and has a written charter approved by our Board of Directors. The current members of the committees are identified in the following table.

| Director | Board Committees | | |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Audit | Compensation | Nominating and Corporate Governance |
| Michael Appling Jr. | Chair | | ý |
| Joseph E. Canon | ý | ý | Chair |
| Arthur L. French | ý | Chair | |
| J. Kevin Griffin | Deputy Chair | ý | ý |

Audit Committee. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Audit Committee met four times. The Audit Committee is responsible for selecting, engaging and discharging our independent accountants, reviewing the plans, scope and results of the audit engagement with our independent accountants, approving professional services provided by our independent accountants (as well as the compensation for those services), reviewing the independence of our independent accountants and reviewing the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting. In addition, the Audit

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Committee is responsible for assisting our Board of Directors with its review and approval of the determination of the fair value of our debt and equity investments, and other financial investments, that are not publicly traded or for which current market values are not readily available. The current members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Appling, Canon, French and Griffin. Our Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Appling, Canon and Griffin is an "Audit Committee financial expert" as defined by the SEC. For more information on the backgrounds of these directors, see their biographical information under "Election of Directors" above.

Compensation Committee. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Compensation Committee met four times and acted by unanimous written consent once. The Compensation Committee determines the compensation and related benefits for our executive officers including the amount of salary, bonus and stock-based compensation to be included in the compensation package for each of our executive officers. In addition, the Compensation Committee assists the Board of Directors in developing and evaluating the compensation of our non-management directors and evaluating succession planning with respect to the chief executive officer and other key executive positions. The actions of the Compensation Committee are generally reviewed and ratified by the entire Board of Directors, except the employee directors do not vote with respect to their compensation. The current members of the Compensation Committee are Messrs. Canon, French and Griffin.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met four times. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for determining criteria for service on our Board of Directors, identifying, researching and recommending to the Board of Directors director nominees for election by our stockholders, selecting nominees to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors or a committee of the Board, developing and recommending to our Board of Directors any amendments to our corporate governance principles and overseeing the self-evaluation of our Board of Directors and its committees. The current members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Messrs. Appling, Canon and Griffin.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Each member of the Compensation Committee is independent for purposes of the applicable listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. During the year ended December 31, 2012, no member of the Compensation Committee was an officer, former officer or employee of ours or had a relationship disclosable under "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions Transactions with Related Persons", except Messrs. Canon and French with respect to their exchange of Main Street Capital II, LP partnership interests for Main Street shares in accordance with an SEC exemptive relief order as described under such heading herein. No interlocking relationship, as defined by the rules adopted by the SEC, existed during the year ended December 31, 2012 between any member of the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee and an executive officer of Main Street.

Director Nomination Process

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has determined that a candidate for election to our Board of Directors must satisfy certain general criteria, including, among other things:

be an individual of the highest character and integrity and have an inquiring mind, vision, a willingness to ask hard questions and the ability to work professionally with others;

be free of any conflict of interest that would violate any applicable law or regulation or interfere with the proper performance of the responsibilities of a director;

be willing and able to devote sufficient time to the affairs of our company and be diligent in fulfilling the responsibilities of a member of our Board of Directors and a member of any

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committee thereof (including: developing and maintaining sufficient knowledge of our company and the specialty finance industry in general; reviewing and analyzing reports and other information important to responsibilities of the Board of Directors and any committee of our Board of Directors; preparing for, attending and participating in meetings of our Board of Directors and meetings of any committee of our Board of Directors; and satisfying appropriate orientation and continuing education guidelines); and

have the capacity and desire to represent the balanced, best interests of our stockholders as a whole and not primarily a special interest group or constituency.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to identify potential director candidates who will strengthen the Board of Directors and will contribute to the overall mix of general criteria identified above. In addition to the general criteria, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers specific criteria, such as particular skills, experiences (whether in business or in other areas such as public service, academia or scientific communities), areas of expertise, specific backgrounds, and other characteristics, that should be represented on the Board of Directors to enhance its effectiveness and the effectiveness of its committees. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not have a formal policy with respect to diversity; however, the Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believe that it is essential that the Board members represent diverse viewpoints and a diverse mix of the specific criteria above. The process of identifying potential director candidates includes establishing procedures for soliciting and reviewing potential nominees from directors and for advising those who suggest nominees of the outcome of such review. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also has the authority to retain and terminate any search firm used to identify director candidates.

Any stockholder may nominate one or more persons for election as one of our directors at an annual meeting of stockholders if the stockholder complies with the notice, information and consent provisions contained in our by-laws and any other applicable law, rule or regulation regarding director nominations. When submitting a nomination to our company for consideration, a stockholder must provide certain information that would be required under applicable SEC rules, including the following minimum information for each director nominee: full name, age and address; number of any shares of our stock beneficially owned by the nominee, if any; the date such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition; whether such stockholder believes the nominee is an "interested person" of our company, as defined in 1940 Act; and all other information required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest or is otherwise required, including the nominee's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected. See "Stockholders' Proposals" in this proxy statement and our by-laws for other requirements of stockholder proposals.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider candidates identified through the processes described above, and will evaluate each of them, including incumbents, based on the same criteria. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also takes into account the contributions of incumbent directors as Board members and the benefits to us arising from their experience on our Board of Directors. Although the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider candidates identified by stockholders, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may determine not to recommend those candidates to our Board of Directors, and our Board of Directors may determine not to nominate any candidates recommended by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. None of the director nominees named in this proxy statement were nominated by stockholders.

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Board's Role in the Oversight of Risk Management

Our Board of Directors as a whole has responsibility for risk oversight, with reviews of certain areas being conducted by the relevant Board Committees that report on their deliberations to the full Board. The oversight responsibility of the Board and its Committees is enabled by management reporting processes that are designed to provide visibility to the Board about the identification, assessment and management of critical risks and management's risk mitigation strategies. Areas of focus include competitive, economic, operational, financial (accounting, credit, liquidity and tax), legal, regulatory, compliance and other risks. The Board and its Committees oversee risks associated with their respective principal areas of focus, as summarized below. Committees meet in executive session with key management personnel regularly and with representatives of outside advisors as necessary.

| Board/Committee | Primary Areas of Risk Oversight |
|---|--|
| Full Board | Strategic, financial and execution risks and exposures associated with the annual operating plan and five-year strategic plan; major litigation and regulatory exposures and other current matters that may present material risk to our operations, plans, prospects or reputation; material acquisitions and divestitures. |
| Audit Committee | Risks and exposures associated with financial matters, particularly investment valuation, financial reporting and disclosure, tax, accounting, oversight of independent accountants, internal control over financial reporting, financial policies and credit and liquidity matters. |
| Compensation Committee | Risks and exposures associated with leadership assessment, senior management succession planning, executive and director compensation programs and arrangements, including incentive plans, and compensation related regulatory compliance. |
| Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee | Risks and exposures relating to our programs and policies relating to legal compliance, corporate governance, and director nomination, evaluation and succession planning. |

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The following table sets forth the compensation that we paid during the year ended December 31, 2012 to our directors. Directors who are also employees of Main Street or any of its subsidiaries do not receive compensation for their services as directors.

Director Compensation Table

| Name | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash | Stock Awards(1) | Total |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------|
| Arthur L. French | \$ 105,000 | \$ 30,006 | \$ 135,006 |
| Michael Appling Jr. | 90,000 | 30,006 | 120,006 |
| Joseph E. Canon | 85,000 | 30,006 | 115,006 |
| J. Kevin Griffin(2) | 92,500 | 30,006 | 122,506 |
| William D. Gutermuth(3) | | | |

- (1) Each of our non-employee directors received an award of 1,265 restricted shares on June 20, 2012 under the Main Street Capital Corporation 2008 Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Plan (the "Non-Employee Director Plan"), which will vest 100% on June 12, 2013, the day before the Annual Meeting, provided that the grantee has been in continuous service as a member of the Board through such date. These amounts represent the grant date fair value of the 2012 stock awards in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 based on the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of any estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. These amounts may not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by our directors upon vesting. Each of our non-employee directors had 1,265 unvested shares of restricted stock outstanding as of December 31, 2012. Please see the discussion of the assumptions made in the valuation of these awards in Note L to the audited consolidated financial statements included in the annual report accompanying this proxy statement.
- (2) In addition to his normal board and committee fees, Mr. Griffin was paid a \$7,500 fee for additional services performed in connection with a special project at the request of the Board of Directors.
- (3) On March 2, 2012, Mr. Gutermuth retired from the Board and each of its committees to permit his law firm, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, to act as legal counsel to Main Street. Under the 1940 Act and the corporate governance rules of the New York Stock Exchange, Mr. Gutermuth could not continue to act as an independent director of Main Street if his law firm performs legal services for Main Street. Mr. Gutermuth's retirement was not the result of any disagreement with management or the Board related to Main Street's operations, policies or practices. After Mr. Gutermuth's retirement, the Board reduced the size of the Board from seven to six directors.

The compensation for non-employee directors for 2012 was comprised of cash compensation paid to or earned by directors in connection with their service as a director. That cash compensation consisted of an annual retainer of \$75,000, and an additional \$20,000 retainer for the Lead Independent Director. Non-employee directors do not receive fees based on meetings attended absent circumstances that require an exceptionally high number of meetings within an annual period. We also reimburse our non-employee directors for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their service on our Board. The chairs of our Board committees receive additional annual retainers as follows:

the chair of the Audit Committee: \$15,000;

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the deputy chair of the Audit Committee: \$10,000;

the chair of the Compensation Committee: \$10,000; and

the chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee: \$10,000.

The Non-Employee Director Plan provides a means through which we may attract and retain qualified non-employee directors to enter into and remain in service on our Board of Directors. Under the Non-Employee Director Plan, at the beginning of each one-year term of service on our Board of Directors, each non-employee director will receive a number of shares equivalent to \$30,000 worth of shares based on the closing price of a share of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (or other exchange on which are shares are then listed) on the date of grant. Forfeiture provisions will lapse as to an entire award at the end of the one-year term.

For the beneficial ownership of our common stock by each of our directors and the dollar range value of such ownership, please see "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" beginning on page 31.

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Our executive officers serve at the discretion of our Board of Directors. The following persons serve as our executive officers in the following capacities (information as of April 1, 2013):

| Name | Age | Position(s) Held |
|---------------------|------------|--|
| Vincent D. Foster* | 56 | Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer |
| Todd A. Reppert* | 43 | Director and Executive Vice Chairman |
| Dwayne L. Hyzak | 40 | Chief Financial Officer, Senior Managing Director and Treasurer |
| Curtis L. Hartman | 40 | Chief Credit Officer and Senior Managing Director |
| David L. Magdol* | 42 | Chief Investment Officer and Senior Managing Director |
| Rodger A. Stout | 61 | Executive Vice President |
| Jason B. Beauvais | 37 | Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary |
| Nicholas T. Meserve | 33 | Managing Director |
| Robert M. Shuford | 33 | Managing Director |
| Shannon D. Martin | 43 | Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Assistant Treasurer |

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Member of our Investment Committee. The Investment Committee is responsible for all aspects of our investment process with respect to our lower middle market portfolio investments, including approval of such investments.

Member of our Credit Committee. The Credit Committee is responsible for all aspects of our investment process with respect to our middle market portfolio investments, including approval of such investments.

For more information on Mr. Foster, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Reppert, Director and Executive Vice Chairman, see their biographical information under "Election of Directors" above.

Dwayne L. Hyzak has served as our Chief Financial Officer and a Senior Managing Director since 2011 and as our Treasurer since June 2012. Previously, Mr. Hyzak served as one of our Senior Vice Presidents since 2007 and as Senior Vice President Finance since 2011. From 2002, Mr. Hyzak has served as a Senior Managing Director and in other executive positions of several Main Street predecessor funds and entities, which are now subsidiaries of ours, including the general partner of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP, Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC, the general partner of Main Street Capital II, LP, Main Street Capital II GP, LLC, and Main Street Capital Partners, LLC. From 2000 to 2002, Mr. Hyzak was a director of integration with Quanta Services, Inc. (NYSE: PWR), which provides specialty contracting services to the power, natural gas and telecommunications industries, where he was principally focused on the company's mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance activities. Prior to joining Quanta Services, Inc., he was a manager with Arthur Andersen in its Transaction Advisory Services group.

Curtis L. Hartman has served as our Chief Credit Officer and a Senior Managing Director since 2011. Mr. Hartman is also the chairman of our credit committee. Previously, Mr. Hartman served as one of our Senior Vice Presidents since 2007. From 2000, Mr. Hartman has served as a Senior Managing Director and in other executive positions of several Main Street predecessor funds and entities, which are now subsidiaries of ours, including the general partner of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP, Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC, the general partner of Main Street Capital II, LP, Main Street Capital II GP, LLC, and Main Street Capital Partners, LLC. From 1999 to 2000, Mr. Hartman was an investment adviser for Sterling City Capital, LLC. Concurrently with joining Sterling City Capital, he joined United Glass Corporation, a Sterling City Capital portfolio company, as

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director of corporate development. Prior to joining Sterling City Capital, Mr. Hartman was a manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, in its M&A/Transaction Services group. Prior to that, he was employed as a senior auditor by Deloitte & Touche LLP.

David L. Magdol has served as our Chief Investment Officer and a Senior Managing Director since 2011. Mr. Magdol is also the chairman of our investment committee. Previously, Mr. Magdol served as one of our Senior Vice Presidents since 2007. From 2002, Mr. Magdol has served as a Senior Managing Director and in other executive positions of several Main Street predecessor funds and entities, which are now subsidiaries of ours, including the general partner of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP, Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC, the general partner of Main Street Capital II, LP, Main Street Capital II GP, LLC, and Main Street Capital Partners, LLC. Mr. Magdol joined Main Street from the investment banking group at Lazard Freres & Co. Prior to Lazard, he managed a portfolio of private equity investments for the McMullen Group, a private investment firm/family office capitalized by Dr. John J. McMullen, the former owner of the New Jersey Devils and the Houston Astros. Mr. Magdol began his career in the structured finance services group of JP Morgan Chase.

Rodger A. Stout has served as our Executive Vice President since June 2012. Previously, Mr. Stout served as our Chief Compliance Officer, Senior Vice President Finance and Administration and Treasurer since 2007. From 2006, Mr. Stout has served as Executive Vice President and in other executive positions of several Main Street predecessor funds and entities, which are now subsidiaries of ours, including the general partner of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP, Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC, the general partner of Main Street Capital II, LP, Main Street Capital II GP, LLC, and Main Street Capital Partners, LLC. From 2000 to 2006, Mr. Stout was senior vice president and chief financial officer for FabTech Industries, Inc., one of the largest domestic structural steel fabricating companies. From 1985 to 2000, he was a senior financial executive for Jerold B. Katz Interests. He held numerous positions over his 15 year tenure with this national scope financial services conglomerate. Those positions included director, executive vice president, senior financial officer and investment officer. Prior to 1985, Mr. Stout was an international tax executive in the oil and gas service industry.

Jason B. Beauvais has served as our Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary since June 2012. Previously, Mr. Beauvais served as our Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary since 2008. From 2008, Mr. Beauvais has also served as General Counsel and in other executive positions of several of our subsidiary funds and entities, including the general partner of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP, Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC, the general partner of Main Street Capital II, LP, Main Street Capital II GP, LLC, and Main Street Capital Partners, LLC. From 2006 through 2008, he was an attorney with Occidental Petroleum Corporation, an international oil and gas exploration and production company. Prior to joining Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Mr. Beauvais practiced corporate and securities law at Baker Botts L.L.P., where he primarily counseled companies in public issuances and private placements of debt and equity and handled a wide range of general corporate and securities matters as well as mergers and acquisitions.

Nicholas T. Meserve has served as a Managing Director on our middle market investment team since 2012. Previously, from 2004 until 2012, Mr. Meserve worked at Highland Capital Management, LP, a large alternative credit manager, and certain of its affiliates, where he managed a portfolio of senior loans and high yield bonds across a diverse set of industries. Prior to Highland, he was a Credit Analyst at JP Morgan Chase & Co.

Robert M. Shuford has served as a Managing Director on our lower middle market team since 2012, and has been with the firm in various roles since January of 2006. Previously, Mr. Shuford was a Senior Associate of Avail Consulting, LLC in the Financial Advisory Services Group. While at Avail, Mr. Shuford was actively involved in the valuation of closely held stock, performance of acquisition due diligence and the valuation of intangible assets for a number of clients in a number of industries. His

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experience at Avail also includes financial and economic analysis of operating businesses, including the qualitative and quantitative analysis of historical and projected performance. These engagements were performed in connection with mergers, acquisitions, tax planning and reporting, litigation support, financial reporting and general corporate planning. His experience also includes extensive pro forma financial modeling for various types of companies.

Shannon D. Martin has served as our Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Assistant Treasurer since 2012. From 2006 to 2012, Mr. Martin worked as an independent consultant and performed financial advisory services for several clients, including functioning as acting Chief Accounting Officer from 2008 to 2011 for EquaTerra, Inc. From 1999 to 2006, Mr. Martin was a director of accounting integration and audit with Quanta Services, Inc. (NYSE: PWR), which provides specialty contracting services to the power, natural gas and telecommunications industries, where he focused on the development of integrated accounting, business and information system processes and the company's acquisition and integration strategies. From 1992 to 1999, Mr. Martin worked at Arthur Andersen as a manager in the Commercial Services group.

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COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following Compensation Discussion and Analysis, or CD&A, provides information relating to the 2012 compensation of Main Street's President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and three other most highly compensated executive officers during 2012. Those five individuals are referred to in this CD&A as the Named Executive Officers, or NEOs.

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

The Main Street compensation system was developed by the Compensation Committee and approved by all independent directors. The system is designed to attract and retain key executives, motivate them to achieve the Company's business objectives and reward them for performance while aligning management's interests with those of the Company's stockholders. The structure of Main Street's incentive compensation programs is formulated to encourage and reward the following, among other things:

achievement of income and capital gains to sustain and grow the Company's dividend payments;

maintenance of liquidity and capital flexibility to accomplish the Company's business objectives, including the preservation of investor capital;

attainment of superior risk-adjusted returns on the Company's investment portfolio; and

professional development and growth of individual executives, the management team and other employees.

The Compensation Committee has the primary authority to establish compensation for the NEOs and other key employees and administers all executive compensation arrangements and policies. Main Street's Chief Executive Officer assists the Committee by providing recommendations regarding the compensation of NEOs and other key employees, excluding himself. The Committee exercises its discretion by modifying or accepting these recommendations. The Chief Executive Officer routinely attends a portion of the Committee meetings. However, the Committee often meets in executive session without the Chief Executive Officer or other members of management when discussing compensation matters and on other occasions as determined by the Committee.

The Compensation Committee takes into account competitive market practices with respect to the salaries and total direct compensation of the NEOs. Members of the Committee consider market practices by reviewing public and non-public information for executives at comparable companies and funds. The Committee also has the authority to utilize compensation consultants to better understand competitive pay practices and has retained such expertise in the past.

Independent Compensation Consultant

In 2012, the Compensation Committee engaged Deloitte Consulting LLP ("Deloitte") as an independent compensation consultant to assist the Committee and provide advice on a variety of compensation matters relating to NEO and non-executive director compensation, incentive compensation plans and compensation trends, regulatory matters and compensation planning best practices. The compensation consultant was hired by and reports directly to the Compensation Committee. Although the compensation consultant may work directly with management on behalf of the Compensation Committee, any such work is under the control and supervision of the Compensation Committee. The total amount of fees paid or to be paid to Deloitte for compensation consulting services during fiscal 2012 was approximately \$9,444.

During fiscal 2012, the Company's management also retained Deloitte and its affiliates to provide certain other services to the Company. These other services included (i) tax services and other tax-related services and (ii) portfolio valuation consulting services. The total amount paid or to be paid

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for such services (excluding the services as consultant to the Compensation Committee as discussed above) to Deloitte and its affiliates during fiscal 2012 was approximately \$376,659. Deloitte was engaged directly by management to provide these other services and, accordingly, Deloitte's engagement for these other services was not formally approved by the Board of Directors or by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee believes that, given their nature and scope, these additional services did not raise a conflict of interest and did not impair Deloitte's ability to provide independent advice to the Compensation Committee concerning executive compensation matters. In making this determination, the Compensation Committee considered, among other things, the following factors when selecting Deloitte to provide compensation consulting services: (i) the types of non-compensation services provided by Deloitte, (ii) the amount of fees for such non-compensation services, noting in particular that such fees are negligible when considered in the context of Deloitte's total revenues for the period, (iii) Deloitte's policies and procedures concerning conflicts of interest, (iv) Deloitte's representatives who advise the Compensation Committee do not provide any non-compensation related services to the Company, (v) there are no other business or personal relationships between the Company's management or members of the Compensation Committee, on the one hand, and any Deloitte representatives who provide compensation consulting services to the Company, on the other hand, and (vi) neither Deloitte nor any of the Deloitte representatives who provide compensation services to the Company own any common stock or other securities of the Company.

Assessment of Market Data

In assessing the competitiveness of executive compensation levels, the Compensation Committee analyzes market data of certain companies, including internally managed business development companies, or BDCs, private equity firms and other asset management and financial services companies. This analysis focuses on key elements of compensation practices in general, and more specifically, the compensation practices at companies and funds reasonably comparable in asset size, typical investment size and type, market capitalization and general business scope as compared to the Company.

As regards to other internally managed BDCs like Main Street, the Compensation Committee considers the compensation practices and policies pertaining to executive officers as detailed in their company's respective proxies, research analysts' reports and other publicly available information. However, there are relatively few internally managed BDCs and none of them are directly comparable to the Company in regards to business strategies, assets under management, typical investment size and type and market capitalization. Moreover, regarding the compensation and retention of executive talent, the Company also competes with private equity funds, mezzanine debt funds, hedge funds and other types of specialized investment funds. Since these private companies are not required to publicly disclose their executive compensation practices and policies, the Committee relies on third party compensation surveys as well as other available information to compare compensation practices and policies.

Items taken into account include, but are not necessarily limited to, base compensation, bonus compensation, stock option awards, restricted stock awards, carried interest and other compensation. In addition to actual levels of cash and equity related compensation, the Compensation Committee also considers other approaches comparable companies are taking with regard to overall executive compensation practices. Such items include, but are not necessarily limited to, the use of employment agreements for certain employees, the mix of cash and equity compensation, the use of third party compensation consultants and certain corporate and executive performance measures that are established to achieve longer term total return for stockholders. Finally, in addition to analyzing comparable companies and funds, the Committee also evaluates the relative cost structure of the

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Company as compared to the entire BDC sector, including internally and externally managed BDCs as well as other private funds.

Assessment of Company Performance

The Compensation Committee believes that sustainable financial performance coupled with reasonable, long-term stockholders' returns as well as proportional employee compensation are essential components for Main Street's long-term business success. Main Street typically makes three to seven year investments in its portfolio companies. The Company's business plan involves taking on investment risks over a range of time periods. Accordingly, much emphasis is focused on maintaining the stability of net asset values as well as the continuity of earnings to pass through to stockholders in the form of recurring dividends. The quality of the earnings supporting the dividends as well as the maintenance and growth of dividends are key metrics in the Committee's assessment of financial performance.

Main Street's strategy is to generate current income from debt investments and to realize capital gains from equity-related investments. This income supports the payment of dividends to stockholders. The recurring payment of dividends requires a methodical investment acquisition approach and active monitoring and management of the investment portfolio over time. A meaningful part of the Company's employee base is dedicated to the maintenance of asset values and expansion of this recurring income to sustain and grow dividends. The Committee believes that stability with regard to the management team is important in achieving successful implementation of the Company's strategy. Further, the Committee, in establishing and assessing executive salary and performance incentives, is relatively more focused on Main Street results rather than the performance of other comparable companies or industry comparisons.

Executive Compensation Components

For 2012, the components of Main Street's direct compensation program for NEOs include:

base salary;

annual cash bonuses;

long-term compensation pursuant to the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan; and

other benefits.

The Compensation Committee designs each NEO's direct compensation package to appropriately reward the NEO for his contribution to the Company. The judgment and experience of the Committee are weighed with individual and Company performance metrics and consultation with the Chief Executive Officer to determine the appropriate mix of compensation for each individual. Cash compensation consisting of base salary and discretionary bonuses tied to achievement of individual performance goals that are reviewed and approved by the Committee, as well as corporate objectives, are intended to motivate NEOs to remain with the Company and work to achieve expected business objectives. Stock-based compensation is awarded based on performance expectations approved by the Committee for each NEO. The blend of short-term and long-term compensation may be adjusted from time to time to balance the Committee's views regarding the benefits of current cash compensation and appropriate retention incentives.

Base Salary

Base salary is used to recognize the experience, skills, knowledge and responsibilities required of the NEOs in their roles. In connection with establishing the base salary of each NEO, the Compensation Committee and management consider a number of factors, including the seniority and

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experience level of the individual, the functional role of his position, the level of the individual's responsibility, the Company's ability to replace the individual, the past base salary of the individual and the relative number of well-qualified candidates available in the area. In addition, the Committee considers publicly available information regarding the base salaries paid to similarly situated executive officers and other competitive market practices.

The salaries of the NEOs are reviewed on an annual basis, as well as at the time of promotion or any substantial change in responsibilities. The key factors in determining increases in salary level are relative performance and competitive pressures.

Annual Cash Bonuses

Annual cash bonuses are intended to reward individual performance during the year and can therefore be highly variable from year to year. Bonus opportunities for the NEOs are determined by the Compensation Committee on a discretionary basis and are based on performance criteria, particularly the company's dividend performance as well as corporate and individual performance goals and measures set by the Committee with the Chief Executive Officer's input (except with respect to his own performance criteria). Should actual performance exceed expected performance criteria, the Committee may adjust individual cash bonuses to take such superior performance into account.

Long-Term Incentive Awards

Main Street's Board of Directors and stockholders have approved the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan to provide stock-based awards as long-term incentive compensation to employees, including the NEOs. The Company uses stock-based awards to (i) attract and retain key employees, (ii) motivate employees by means of performance-related incentives to achieve long-range performance goals, (iii) enable employees to participate in the Company's long-term growth in value and (iv) link employees' compensation to the long-term interests of stockholders. At the time of each award, the Compensation Committee will determine the terms of the award, including any performance period (or periods) and any performance objectives relating to vesting of the award.

Options. The Compensation Committee may grant stock options to purchase Main Street's common stock (including incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options). The Committee expects that any options granted by it will represent a fixed number of shares of common stock, will have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of common stock on the date of grant, and will be exercisable, or "vested," at some later time after grant. Some stock options may provide for vesting simply by the grantee remaining employed by Main Street for a period of time, and some may provide for vesting based on the grantee and/or the Company attaining specified performance levels. To date, the Committee has not granted stock options to any NEO.

Restricted Stock. Main Street has received exemptive relief from the SEC that permits the Company to grant restricted stock in exchange for or in recognition of services by its executive officers and employees. Pursuant to the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, the Compensation Committee may award shares of restricted stock to plan participants in such amounts and on such terms as the Committee determines in its sole discretion, provided that such awards are consistent with the conditions set forth in the SEC's exemptive order. Each restricted stock grant will be for a fixed number of shares as set forth in an award agreement between the grantee and Main Street. Award agreements will set forth time and/or performance vesting schedules and other appropriate terms and/or restrictions with respect to awards, including rights to dividends and voting rights. The Committee's normal practice has been to have restricted stock awards for NEOs vest over a four year time frame in equal increments based on continued service during the vesting period.

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Other Benefits

Main Street's NEOs participate in the same benefit plans and programs as the Company's other employees, including comprehensive medical and dental insurance, vision care, business travel insurance and short term disability coverage as well as long term disability insurance.

Main Street maintains a 401(k) plan for all full-time employees who are at least 21 years of age through which the Company makes non-discretionary matching contributions to each participant's plan account on the participant's behalf. For each participating employee, the Company's contribution is generally a 100% match of the employee's contributions up to a 4.5% contribution level with a maximum annual regular matching contribution of \$11,250 during 2012. All contributions to the plan, including those made by the Company, vest immediately. The Board of Directors may also, at its sole discretion, make additional contributions to employee 401(k) plan accounts, which would vest on the same basis as other employer contributions.

Perquisites

The Company provides no other material benefits, perquisites or retirement benefits to the NEOs.

Potential Payments Upon Change in Control

Upon specified transactions involving a change in control (as defined in the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan), all outstanding awards under the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan may either be assumed or substituted for by the surviving entity. If the surviving entity does not assume or substitute similar awards, the awards held by the plan participants will be subject to accelerated vesting in full and, in the case of options, then terminated to the extent not exercised within a designated time period.

Transactions involving a "change in control" under the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan include:

a consolidation, merger, stock sale or similar transaction or series of related transactions in which Main Street is not the surviving corporation or which results in the acquisition of all or substantially all of the Company's then outstanding common stock by a single person or entity or by a group of persons and/or entities acting in concert;

a sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the Company's assets;

Main Street's dissolution or liquidation; or

a change in the membership of the Company's Board of Directors such that the individuals who, as of the effective date of the plan, constitute the Board of Directors, whom are referred to as the Continuing Directors, and any new director whose appointment or election to the Board of Directors was approved by a vote of at least two thirds of the Continuing Directors then comprising the Board of Directors, cease to constitute at least a majority of the Board.

The number of shares and value of restricted stock for the NEOs as of December 31, 2012 that would have vested under the acceleration scenarios described above is shown under the caption entitled "Compensation of Executive Officers Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End."

Tax Deductibility of Compensation

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally disallows a deduction to public companies to the extent of excess annual compensation over \$1 million paid to certain executive officers, except for qualified performance-based compensation. Main Street's general policy, where consistent with business objectives, is to preserve the deductibility of executive officer compensation. However, the Compensation Committee may authorize amounts and forms of compensation that might not be deductible if the Committee deems such to be in the best interests of Main Street and its stockholders.

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Participation of Executives in Outside Public Directorships

Main Street's Board of Directors believes that there can be business benefits for the Company when corporate executive officers, including our NEOs, serve as outside public company directors. The business experience, knowledge and contacts gained in such capacities are often valuable assets to the Company. In 2009, due primarily to the number of public boards that certain executive officers were serving on at the time, our Board of Directors implemented a policy requiring that outside directorships on public company boards by our executives be pre-approved by the Board. In addition, the Board stipulated that a portion of the cash retainers received for such service should be remitted to the Company. In 2012, the Board reconsidered the 2009 policy and determined that the remittance of fees policy should be voided. At present, Messrs. Foster and Reppert are the only Main Street executives who serve on outside public boards. Mr. Foster serves on two outside public boards, and Mr. Reppert serves on one board. In summary, our Board of Directors has determined that service on these outside boards by Messrs. Foster and Reppert provide an overall benefit to Main Street. However, approval by the Board of Directors will continue to be required before any executive officer may commit to serve as a director of another public company.

Stockholder Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

At our 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders provided an advisory vote with 95% of the votes cast approving our compensation philosophy, policies and procedures and the 2010 fiscal year compensation of our NEOs (the "Advisory Vote"). Subsequently, the Compensation Committee considered the results of the Advisory Vote in determining compensation policies and decisions of the Company. The Advisory Vote affected the Company's executive compensation decisions and policies by reaffirming the Company's compensation philosophies, and the Compensation Committee will continue to use these philosophies and past practice in determining future compensation decisions.

2012 Compensation Determination

The Compensation Committee analyzed the competitiveness of the components of compensation described above on both an individual and aggregate basis. The Committee believes that the total compensation paid to the NEOs for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, is consistent with the overall objectives of Main Street's executive compensation program.

Determination of Annual Base Salary

The Compensation Committee annually reviews the base salary of each executive officer, including each NEO, and determines whether or not to increase it in its sole discretion. Increases to base salary can be awarded to recognize, among other things, relative performance, relative cost of living and competitive pressures.

In 2012, (i) Mr. Foster was paid an annual base salary of \$470,500, an increase of 3.85% over his 2011 annual base salary, (ii) Mr. Reppert was paid an annual base salary of \$313,550, a decrease of 6.72% from his 2011 annual base salary, (iii) Mr. Hyzak was paid an annual base salary of \$307,500, an increase of 18.59% over his 2011 annual base salary, (iv) Messrs. Hartman and Magdol were each paid an annual base salary of \$282,500, an increase of 12.57% over their 2011 annual base salaries. All of the salary increases are attributable to NEO and Company performance in 2012 and also to more closely align their compensation with similar executive officers of comparative companies. Mr. Reppert's salary decrease is in relation to his change in role in October 2012. The Committee believes that the salary changes and resulting base salaries were competitive in the market place and appropriate for Main Street executives as a key component of an overall compensation package.

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Determination of Annual Cash Incentive Bonus

Cash bonuses are determined annually by the Compensation Committee on a discretionary basis. The Committee considered performance achievements in the determination of cash bonuses for 2012, including company performance and the personal performance of each individual. The performance goals used for determining the cash bonuses for NEOs included, among other things, the following:

Achievement of corporate objectives, particularly those related to the maintenance and growth of dividends and preservation of capital through maintenance and growth of net asset value per share;

Individual performance and achievement of individual goals, as well as the contribution to corporate objectives;

Maintaining liquidity and capital flexibility to accomplish the Company's business objectives;

Maintaining the highest ethical standards, internal controls and adherence to regulatory requirements; and

Appropriate and planned development of personnel.

The Company paid cash bonuses to NEOs for 2012 in recognition of the Company's excellent performance, as well as each individual NEO's accomplishments and contribution to the Company's performance. Company performance criteria included total shareholder return versus comparable companies and the market in general, increased dividend per share payout, increased net asset value per share and increased distributable net investment income per share, the net appreciation and growth of the investment portfolio and maintenance and improvement of a relatively low total operating cost structure among comparable companies. In summary, the performance of individual NEOs and the management team overall was at a consistent high level resulting in outstanding financial results.

The amount of cash bonus paid to each NEO for 2012 is presented under the caption entitled "Compensation of Executive Officers Summary Compensation Table." The Committee believes that these cash bonus awards are individually appropriate based on 2012 performance. Such bonuses comprise a key component of the Company's overall compensation program.

Determination of Long-Term Incentive Awards

The Company granted restricted shares to our NEOs in 2012 to recognize individual contributions to corporate strategic priorities and to the long-term performance of the Company and to provide competitive total direct compensation. Contributions to the future success of the Company include expanded roles of NEOs within the Company, recruitment and development of personnel, advancement of various strategic initiatives with benefits beyond the current year, development of various capital structure alternatives and enhancement of the Company's reputation with key constituents. The amount of restricted shares granted to each NEO in 2012 is presented under the caption entitled "Compensation of Executive Officers Grants of Plan-Based Awards." The Committee is currently assessing the potential for long-term incentive compensation through grants of restricted shares to our NEOs for 2013, which will be awarded in June 2013. All restricted stock grants to NEOs under the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan vest ratably over four years from the grant date.

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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We have reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis included in this proxy statement with Main Street's management and, based on our review and discussions, we recommended to the Board of Directors of Main Street that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Arthur L. French, Chair

Joseph E. Canon

J. Kevin Griffin

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The following table summarizes compensation of our President and Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and our three highest paid executive officers who did not serve as our Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer during 2012, all of whom we refer to as our NEOs, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

Summary Compensation Table

| Name and Principal Position | Year | Salary(1) | Bonus(1)(2) | Stock Awards(3) | All Other Compensation(4) | Total |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Vincent D. Foster | 2012 | \$ 470,500 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 574,688 | \$ 11,250 | \$ 2,056,438 |
| Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer | 2011 | 453,074 | 793,450 | 438,756 | 11,025 | 1,696,305 |
| | 2010 | 419,450 | 210,000 | 453,546 | 11,025 | 1,094,021 |
| Todd A. Reppert | 2012 | \$ 313,550 | \$ 600,000 | \$ 416,666 | \$ 11,250 | \$ 1,341,466 |
| Executive Vice Chairman | 2011 | 336,121 | 558,150 | 295,984 | 11,025 | 1,201,280 |
| | 2010 | 324,716 | 160,000 | 399,536 | 11,025 | 895,277 |
| Dwayne L. Hyzak | 2012 | \$ 307,500 | \$ 600,000 | \$ 377,409 | \$ 11,250 | \$ 1,296,159 |
| Chief Financial Officer and Senior Managing Director | 2011 | 259,290 | 464,250 | 218,877 | 10,963 | 953,380 |
| | 2010 | 231,848 | 130,000 | 264,655 | 9,995 | 636,498 |
| Curtis L. Hartman | 2012 | \$ 282,500 | \$ 425,000 | \$ 304,446 | \$ 11,250 | \$ 1,023,196 |
| Chief Credit Officer and Senior Managing Director | 2011 | 250,956 | 409,750 | 218,877 | 10,754 | 890,337 |
| | 2010 | 231,848 | 110,000 | 264,655 | 9,995 | 616,498 |
| David L. Magdol | 2012 | \$ 282,500 | \$ 425,000 | \$ 304,446 | \$ 11,250 | \$ 1,023,196 |
| Chief Investment Officer and Senior Managing Director | 2011 | 250,956 | 371,250 | 218,877 | 10,754 | 851,837 |
| | 2010 | 231,848 | 140,000 | 264,655 | 9,995 | 646,498 |

- (1) All salaries and cash bonuses are paid by one of our wholly owned subsidiaries, Main Street Capital Partners, LLC.
- (2) These amounts reflect annual cash bonuses earned by the NEOs based on individual and corporate performance as determined by the Compensation Committee.
- (3) These amounts represent the grant date fair value of stock awards in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 based on the closing price of our common stock on the grant date. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. These amounts do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by our NEOs upon the vesting dates of such grants. Please see the discussion of the assumptions made in the valuation of these awards in Note L to the audited consolidated financial statements included in the annual report accompanying this proxy statement.
- (4) These amounts reflect employer matching contributions we made to our 401(k) Plan.

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The following table sets forth information regarding restricted stock awards granted to our NEOs in fiscal 2012:

| Name | Grant Date | Stock Awards; Number of Shares of Stock(1) | Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards |
|-------------------|---------------|---|--|
| Vincent D. Foster | June 20, 2012 | 24,228 | \$ 574,688 |
| Todd A. Reppert | June 20, 2012 | 17,566 | 416,666 |
| Dwayne L. Hyzak | June 20, 2012 | 15,911 | 377,409 |
| Curtis L. Hartman | June 20, 2012 | 12,835 | 304,446 |
| David L. Magdol | June 20, 2012 | 12,835 | 304,446 |

- (1) All restricted stock grants to NEOs under the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan vest ratably over four years from the grant date and all underlying shares are entitled to dividends and voting rights beginning on the grant date.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth the awards of restricted stock for which forfeiture provisions have not lapsed and remain outstanding at December 31, 2012:

| Name | Stock Awards | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| | Number of Shares of Stock that have not Vested(1) | Market Value of Shares of Stock that have not Vested(2) |
| Vincent D. Foster | 65,156(3) | \$ 1,987,910 |
| Todd A. Reppert | 47,144(4) | 1,438,363 |