

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

**SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION  
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**Gentex Corporation**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 17, 2018.**

**GENTEX CORPORATION**

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600 N. CENTENNIAL ST.  
ZEELAND, MI 49426  
ATTN: SCOTT RYAN

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 19, 2018  
**Date:** May 17, 2018    **Time:** 4:30 PM EDT  
**Location:** The Pinnacle Center  
3330 Highland Drive  
Hudsonville, MI 49426

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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— **Before You Vote** —  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      ANNUAL REPORT      PROXY CARD

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— **How To Vote** —

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance as well as for directions to be able to attend the meeting. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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## Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 01) Leslie Brown  | 05) Richard Schaum  |
| 02) Gary Goode    | 06) Frederick Sotok |
| 03) James Hollars | 07) James Wallace   |
| 04) John Mulder   |                     |

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.
3. To approve, on an advisory basis, compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

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

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