

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 29, 2017

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

SCHEDULE 14A

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PHARMACEUTICALS,  
INC.

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The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals: 1. Election of Directors Nominees: 1a. Walter H. Moos, Ph.D. 1b. Raul R. Rodriguez 2. Approval of the 2011 equity incentive plan, as amended. 3. Approval of the 2000 non-employee directors stock option plan, as amended. 4. Advisory vote on executive compensation. The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 year on the following proposal: 5. Selection of frequency of "say-on-pay" proposal. The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal: 6. Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. E22045-P87427 Voting Items

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