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IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

167 Sidney Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

NOTICE OF 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

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Date and Time: Monday, June 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., local time

Place: Idera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 505 Eagleview Boulevard Suite 212 Exton, Pennsylvania 19341

Items of Business:

At our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders we will ask our stockholders to:

Elect three Class III directors to our board of directors for terms to expire at the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders;

Approve, by non-binding vote, executive compensation;

Ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and

Transact any other business as may properly come before the 2016 annual meeting or any postponement or adjournment of the 2016 annual meeting.

The board of directors has no knowledge of any other business to be transacted at the 2016 annual meeting.

Record Date:

You may vote at the 2016 annual meeting if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on April 20, 2016.

Proxy Voting:

It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the 2016 annual meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the 2016 annual meeting, please mark, sign, date and promptly mail your proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or follow the instructions on the proxy card to vote by telephone or over the internet. You may revoke your proxy at any time before its exercise at the 2016 annual meeting.

By order of the board of directors,

/s/ Mark J. Casey Mark J. Casey General Counsel and Secretary Cambridge, Massachusetts April 25, 2016

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