

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD
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Assured Guaranty Ltd.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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| (1) Election as Director for Term Expiring in 2011: Nominees: | FOR all nominees listed below | WITHHOLD AUTHORITY | *EXCEPTIONS |
| 01-Francisco L. Borges | | to vote for all nominees | |
| 02-Patrick W. Kenny | o | listed below | o |
| 03-Robin Monro-Davies | | o | |
| 04-Michael T. O Kane | | | |

(INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, mark the Exceptions box and write that nominee s name in the space provided below).

*Exceptions

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| (2) Approval of the issuance of common shares to WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P. and/or its affiliates | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
| | o | o | o |
| (3) Ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company s independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2008 | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
| | o | o | o |
| (4) Subsidiary Proposals | FOR all | WITHHOLD AUTHORITY | *EXCEPTIONS |
| (4.1) Authorizing the Company to vote for directors of our subsidiary, Assured Guaranty Re Ltd. (AG Re), for term expiring in 2009: | nominees listed below | to vote for all nominees listed below | |
| | o | o | o |

- 01-Howard Albert
- 02-Robert A. Bailenson
- 03-Gary Burnet
- 04-Dominic J. Frederico
- 05-James M. Michener
- 06-Robert B. Mills
- 07-David Penchoff
- 08-Andrew Pickering

(INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, mark the Exceptions box and write that nominee s name in the space provided below).

*Exceptions

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| (4.2) Authorizing the Company to vote for the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as AG Re s independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2008 | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
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In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other further business, if any, as lawfully may be brought before the meeting.

Signature

Signature

Date

When signing as attorney, as executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by President or other authorized officer. If a partnership or limited liability company, please sign in partnership or limited liability company name authorized person.

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**ASSURED GUARANTY LTD.
30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE, HAMILTON HM 08 BERMUDA
PROXY
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The undersigned hereby appoints Dominic J. Frederico, Robert B. Mills and James M. Michener as Proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorizes each of them to represent and to vote, as designated below, all the Common Shares of Assured Guaranty Ltd. (the Company) which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 8 a.m. Atlantic Time on May 8, 2008 at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess, 76 Pitts Bay Road, Hamilton, Bermuda or any adjournment thereof.

This proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned shareholder. If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted for (1) the election of Francisco L. Borges, Patrick W. Kenny, Robin Monro Davies and Michael T. O Kane as Class I directors of the Company to serve a three-year term to expire at the Annual General Meeting in 2011, (2) the approval of the issuance of common shares to WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P. and/or its affiliates, (3) the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and (4) the approval of the proposals relating to the Company's subsidiary, Assured Guaranty Re Ltd. (AG Re). The Board of Directors of the Company recommends that you vote your shares FOR each of the nominees to the Board, FOR the issuance of the common shares, FOR the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and FOR the proposals relating to AG Re.

(CONTINUED AND TO BE VOTED AND SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE)

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