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Crinetics Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be held on June 19, 2020 for Crinetics Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

This communication is not a form for voting and presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. To view the proxy materials, go to <u>www.proxydocs.com/CRNX</u>.To submit your proxy while visiting this site, you will need the 12 digit control number in the box below.

Under United States Securities and Exchange Commission rules, proxy materials do not have to be delivered in paper. Proxy materials can be distributed by making them available on the Internet. We have chosen to use these procedures for our 2020 Annual Meeting and need YOUR participation Г participation If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. In order to receive a paper package in time for this year's annual meeting, please make this request on or before June 11, 2020. L For a Convenient Way to VIEW Proxy Materials - and -VOTE Online go to: www.proxydocs.com/CRNX Proxy Materials Available to View or Receive: 1. Proxy Statement 2. Annual Report Printed materials may be requested by one of the following methods: 9 7= R *E-MAIL INTERNET TELEPHONE www.investorelections.com/CRNX paper@investorelections.com (866) 648-8133 If requesting material by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the 12 digit control number (located below) in the subject line. No other requests, instructions or other inquires should be included with your e-mail requesting material. You must use the 12 digit control number located in the shaded gray box below. ACCOUNT NO. SHARES **Company Notice of Annual Meeting** Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) Annual Meeting to be held live via the Internet - please visit Time: rinetics Place: www.proxydocs.com/CRNX for more details The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to take action on the following proposals: The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the following nominees for director in Proposal 1. 1. Election of Class II Directors Nominees 01 Weston Nichols, Ph.D.

02 Stephanie S. Okey, M.S.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" Proposal 2.

 To consider and vote upon the ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

Attending and Voting Online During the Meeting: The annual meeting will be a virtual meeting. Stockholders will have the ability to attend the virtual meeting and vote online during the meeting. You will need your 12 digit control number set forth in the box above in order to attend the meeting and vote online. In order to participate in the annual meeting, you must register at www.proxydocs.com/CRNX prior to the deadline of June 17, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Upon completing your registration, you will receive further instructions via email, including your unique links that will allow you access to the meeting and will also permit you to submit questions. Please be sure to follow instructions found on your proxy card, this notice and/or voting authorization form and subsequent instructions that will be delivered to you via email.