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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.            )

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**ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION  
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# Your **Vote** Counts!

**ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION**

2024 Special Meeting  
Vote by August 7, 2024  
11:59 PM ET



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## You invested in ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Special Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the stockholder meeting to be held on August 8, 2024.**

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to July 25, 2024. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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#### Vote Virtually at the Meeting\*

August 8, 2024  
2:00 PM EDT

Virtually at:  
<http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ARCC2024SM>

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. To authorize the Company, with the approval of its board of directors, to sell or otherwise issue shares of its common stock at a price below its then current net asset value per share subject to the limitations set forth in the proxy statement for the special meeting of stockholders (including, without limitation, that the number of shares issued does not exceed 25% of the Company's then outstanding common stock). If approved, the authorization would be effective for common stock issued during a twelve-month period expiring on the anniversary of the date of this Special Meeting.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For

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