

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.
Form 8-K
May 15, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): May 14, 2015 (May 14, 2015)
Republic Services, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-14267 (Commission File Number) | 65-0716904 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 18500 North Allied Way Phoenix, Arizona (Address of principal executive offices) | 85054 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (480) 627-2700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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On May 14, 2015, Republic Services, Inc. ("Republic" or the "Company") held its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The shareholders voted on the matters set forth below:

1. The nominees for election to the Board of Directors were elected, each for a one-year term, based upon the following votes:

| Nominee | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non Votes |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Ramon A. Rodriguez | 300,233,534 | 2,571,985 | 546,969 | 15,085,979 |
| Tomago Collins | 302,028,173 | 770,094 | 554,221 | 15,085,979 |
| James W. Crownover | 302,368,037 | 440,021 | 544,430 | 15,085,979 |
| Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody (ret.) | 302,203,018 | 607,907 | 541,563 | 15,085,979 |
| William J. Flynn | 302,374,147 | 427,081 | 551,260 | 15,085,979 |
| Manuel Kadre | 302,704,913 | 236,291 | 411,284 | 15,085,979 |
| Michael Larson | 294,871,343 | 7,929,649 | 551,496 | 15,085,979 |
| W. Lee Nutter | 300,603,676 | 2,347,386 | 401,426 | 15,085,979 |
| Donald W. Slager | 302,596,653 | 211,612 | 544,223 | 15,085,979 |
| John M. Trani | 302,517,854 | 282,131 | 552,503 | 15,085,979 |

2. The proposal to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers was approved based upon the following advisory, non-binding votes:

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| Votes for | 294,529,568 |
| Votes against | 7,462,379 |
| Abstentions | 1,360,541 |
| Broker non-votes | 15,085,979 |

3. The proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2015 was approved based upon the following votes:

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| Votes for | 315,508,521 |
| Votes against | 2,547,657 |
| Abstentions | 382,289 |
| Broker non-votes | - |

4. The shareholder proposal regarding proxy access was approved based upon the following votes:

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| Votes for | 258,439,973 |
| Votes against | 29,041,192 |
| Abstentions | 2,741,962 |
| Broker non-votes | 28,214,658 |

An Arizona statute, on its face, applies to any public company that is headquartered in Arizona, has assets of at least \$1 million in Arizona and has more than 500 Arizona employees. The statute provides that if a person or group acquires 20% or more of the stock of such a company, the shares in excess of the 20% threshold may not be voted on matters other than the election of directors (subject to limited exceptions). In a 2007 decision, a federal court in Arizona stated that the statute is unconstitutional and unenforceable in the case of an entity, like Republic, that is incorporated in Delaware. If the statute were deemed to be enforceable and applicable to us and to the shares of our common stock held by Cascade Investment, L.L.C. ("Cascade") and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust (the "Trust") (who collectively held approximately 30.9% of our common stock as of the record date for the Annual Meeting), approximately 38.3 million fewer shares would have been voted for each of proposals two through four, but the outcome of the decisions on those matters would not have been impacted. The Company does not currently take any position regarding the enforceability of the statute or its application to us or the common stock voted by Cascade

or by the Trust.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Republic Services, Inc.

Date: May 14, 2015

By: /s/ Charles F. Serianni
Charles F. Serianni
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Brian A. Goebel
Brian A. Goebel
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)