GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC
Form DEFA14A
April 03, 2017

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 15, 2017.

THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.

Meeting Information
Meeting Type: Annual
For holders as of: March 23, 2017
Date: May 15, 2017 **Time:** 9:30 A.M.
Location: The Cole Auditorium
The Greenwich Library
101 West Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830

PROXY TABULATOR
P.O. BOX 9112
FARMINGDALE, NY 11735

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the fund named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at *www.proxyvote.com* or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:
NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT
How to View Online:
Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: *www.proxyvote.com.*
How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:
If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:
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* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) in the subject line. Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 28, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.
Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com.* Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.
Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
COMMON STOCKHOLDER

Election of Directors The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the nominees listed.

1. To elect two (2) Directors of the Fund:

Nominees:

01) Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
02) Salvatore J. Zizza

Please refer to the proxy materials for more detailed information on the above voting items.

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
SERIES C PREFERRED STOCKHOLDER

Election of Directors The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees listed.

1. To elect three (3) Directors of the Fund:

Nominees:

01) Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
02) Salvatore J. Zizza
03) Anthony J. Colavita

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
SERIES D PREFERRED STOCKHOLDER

Election of Directors The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees listed.

1. To elect three (3) Directors of the Fund:

Nominees:

01) Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
02) Salvatore J. Zizza
03) Anthony J. Colavita

Please refer to the proxy materials for more detailed information on the above voting items.

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
SERIES E PREFERRED STOCKHOLDER

Election of Directors The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees listed.

1. To elect three (3) Directors of the Fund:

Nominees:

01) Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
02) Salvatore J. Zizza
03) Anthony J. Colavita

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
SERIES G PREFERRED STOCKHOLDER

Election of Directors The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees listed.

1. To elect three (3) Directors of the Fund:

Nominees:

01) Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
02) Salvatore J. Zizza
03) Anthony J. Colavita

Please refer to the proxy materials for more detailed information on the above voting items.

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
SERIES H PREFERRED STOCKHOLDER

Election of Directors The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees listed.

1. To elect three (3) Directors of the Fund:

Nominees:

01) Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
02) Salvatore J. Zizza
03) Anthony J. Colavita

Please refer to the proxy materials for more detailed information on the above voting items.

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