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

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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# Your Vote Counts!

AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

2021 Annual Meeting

Vote by June 6, 2021

11:59 PM ET

AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
C/O BROOKIDGE  
P.O. BOX 1342  
SPRING WOOD, NY 11771



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You invested in AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the stockholder meeting to be held on June 7, 2021.

## Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement and Annual Report online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 24, 2021. 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\*

June 7, 2021  
11:00 AM, Pacific Time

Virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AMPH2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AMPH2021)

\*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 |
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| 1. To elect four Class II directors to serve until the Company's 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until each such director's successor is elected and qualified or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal;<br><b>Nominees:</b> |                  |
| 1a. Mary Ziping Luo  | ✔ For            |
| 1b. Howard Lee   | ✔ For            |
| 1c. Michael A. Zasloff   | ✔ For            |
| 1d. Gayle Deflin   | ✔ For            |
| 2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2021; and   | ✔ For            |
| 3. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.   | ✔ For            |
| <b>Note:</b> To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.  |                  |

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