IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:

STAGE STORES, INC., et al.,1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-32564 (DRJ)

(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF (I) DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HEARING AND (II) DEADLINE FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO APPROVAL OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT MOTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 21, 2020, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed (a) the *Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Stage Stores, Inc. and Specialty Retailers, Inc.* (as may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Plan</u>"),² (b) the *Disclosure Statement for the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Stage Stores, Inc. and Specialty Retailers, Inc.* (as it may be amended from time to time and together with all exhibits thereto, the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>"), and (c) the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order Approving (I) the Adequacy of the Disclosure Statement, (II) Solicitation and Notice Procedures, (III) Forms of Ballots and Notices in Connection Therewith, and (IV) Scheduling Certain Dates with Respect Thereto (the "<u>Disclosure Statement Motion</u>").*

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing to consider approval of the Disclosure Statement and relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion will commence on **June 30, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time** (the "Disclosure Statement Hearing"), before the Honorable David R. Jones, United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "<u>Court</u>"). The Disclosure Statement Hearing may be continued from time to time by announcing such continuance in open court or otherwise, without further notice to parties in interest.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on March 24, 2020, through the entry of General Order 2020-10, the Court invoked the *Protocol for Emergency Public Health or Safety Conditions*. It is anticipated that all persons will appear telephonically and also may appear via video at this hearing. Audio communication will be by use of the Court's regular dial-in number. The dial-in number is +1 (832) 917-1510. You will be responsible for your own long-distance charges. You will be asked to key in the conference room number. Judge Jones's conference room number is 205691. Parties may participate in electronic hearings by use of an Internet connection. The Internet site is <u>www.join.me</u>. Persons connecting by mobile device will need to

² Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, Disclosure Statement, or Disclosure Statement Motion, as applicable.



¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Stage Stores, Inc. (6900) and Specialty Retailers, Inc. (1900). The Debtors' service address is: 2425 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027.

download the free join.me application. Once connected to <u>www.join.me</u>, a participant must select "join a meeting." The code for joining this hearing before Judge Jones is "judgejones". The next screen will have a place for the participant's name in the lower left corner. Please complete the name and click "notify".

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any objection or response of a party regarding the approval of the Disclosure Statement must be filed with the Court on or before **June 17, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time** (the "Objection Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you would like to obtain a copy of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, Disclosure Statement Motion, or related documents, you should contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, the notice and claims agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, by: (a) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at 888-647-1732 (US and Canada) or 310-751-2622 (international); (b) visiting the Debtors' restructuring website at: <u>http://www.kccllc.net/stagestores;</u> (c) writing to Stage Stores, Inc. c/o KCC, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; and/or (d) submitting an inquiry via <u>www.kccllc.net/stagestores/inquiry</u>. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases for a fee via PACER at: <u>http://www.txs.uscourts.gov</u>.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if any party fails to respond on or before the Objection Deadline, the Court may approve the Disclosure Statement as adequate without further notice or hearing.

Houston, Texas May 21, 2020

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<u>Certificate of Service</u>

I certify that on May 21, 2020, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Matthew D. Cavenaugh

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